

## Rebate Program

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### Boulder's Water Conservation Rebate Program

The city of Boulder offers its citizens rebates on certain water-conserving landscaping materials and high efficiency clothes washers as described below.

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- CEE High Efficiency Clothes Washer Initiative
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- Landscaping Materials/Clothing Washer Rebate Application (51.69 KB)
- Water Check (11.76 KB)

#### Why do we offer rebates?

- Rebates help introduce customers to new technologies and alternatives and, in this case, also help them conserve water.
- The Water Conservation Office has had a rebate program since 1997 and has contributed to the installation of hundreds of high-efficiency devices.
- The program costs for any rebates included in the Water Conservation Office program are less than the marginal cost for water and have the additional benefit of serving to educate our customers on the importance of using water wisely.

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## How can I get a rebate?

### Guidelines

- Rebates are available to the city of Boulder water customers only.
- Rebates are limited to purchases made in 2005 or 2006, one rebate per category per customer.
- Applications must be sent to the Water Conservation Office for approval.
- Checks will be issued by the city Finance Office. Turnaround time will be approximately one month after receipt by the Water Conservation Office.

### Procedures

- Purchase items from the approved list below.
- Submit a legible copy of the receipt of purchase to the Water Conservation Office along with a complete application form (51.69 KB). Send to: City of Boulder Water Conservation Office, 5605 N. 63rd St., Boulder, CO. 80301. FOR WASHER REBATES: please make sure the make and model of the washing machine is clearly marked on the receipt.
- When approved, the rebate recipient's information will be sent to the Finance Office.

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### Products Eligible For Rebates

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See more detailed descriptions below.

#### Products

Rebate Amount or % of purchase price  
Total Rebate Limit

#### Indoor

High Efficiency Commercial Clothes Washers  
\$125  
contact office

High Efficiency Residential Clothes Washers  
\$75  
\$75

## Dual-Flush or Ultra-Low Volume Toilets

\$75

\$75

## Outdoor

## Drip Irrigation

50%

\$250

## Sprinkler Controllers:

ET or SMS Controlled

## • Without Water Systems Check - Residential

N/A

\$50

## • With Water Systems Check

33%

\$200

## • With Water Systems Check - Commercial

50%

\$500

## (MP Rotator) Heads or nozzles

## • Without Water Systems Check - Residential

10%

\$50

## • With Water Systems Check

33%

\$200

## • With Water Systems Check - Commercial

50%

\$500

## Irrigation System Audits: Lawns &gt; 1,000 square feet

\$200

\$200

## Soil Amendments (Liquid or solid compost)

## • Boulder County-Produced Products

50%

\$50

## • Non-Boulder County Produced Products

25%  
\$25

Turf Type Buffalo Grass  
\$0.25/sq. ft.  
\$250

\*Installation costs to be demonstrated by a detailed time receipt from a contractor or self-installer.

#### ONE REBATE PER CATEGORY PER CUSTOMER

NOTE: Products or services may be purchased from any commercial vendor, unless otherwise specified.

Efficient equipment only works when operated efficiently. Please follow product, or service directions, and follow the tips and guideline found on this Web site.

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#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

##### Indoor

- Clothes Washers: Only those devices on the CEE-approved list ( Qualifying Washer List) are eligible for a rebate.
- Toilets: Only toilets that have dual-flush operation and/or are rated to use 1.2 gallons per flush or less are eligible.

##### Outdoor

- Drip Irrigation: All main lines, piping, emitters, pressure regulators, filters, flush valves, back flow preventers, and support stakes and up to two battery-operated timers per system. Emitters rated at 15 gallons per hour or less only.
- Sprinkler Controllers: To be eligible, all controllers must include all of the following features:
  - Seasonal or Budget adjustment - to match current seasonal and/or water provider guidelines
  - ET or soil-moisture-sensor controlled - to match watering with actual weather patterns
  - Programmable with multiple programs, stations and start times

- Ability to connect a rain-shutoff and/or soil moisture-sensor device.
- Matched Precipitation (MP) Head or Nozzle: Heads or nozzles designed to replace spray heads, and deliver precipitation that is matched, and provide even coverage.
- Irrigation System Audits: Must be performed by an Irrigation Association-certified auditor.(see list)
- Soil Amendments: Any commercially-produced compost product.
- Turf Type Buffalo grass: Available as sod or plugs. Local vendors: Graff Turf Farms, Ft. Morgan or Green Valley Turf, Littleton.

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Why are products eligible for rebate?

Indoor:

- Studies have shown that two of the largest indoor water uses for domestic needs are toilet flushing and clothes washing.
- The city's clothes washer rebate program has proven popular and effective in assisting customers in making some water-wise choices in their appliance purchases.
- New toilet technology is now available offering significant savings (30 percent or more) over existing standard devices.

Outdoor:

- The Water Conservation Office performed over 100 irrigation audits during 2003 and 2004. These system audits have documented the poor operating performance of most existing systems that are less than or equal to 50% efficiency. The most problematic elements causing this low level of performance were high operating pressure, old irrigation timers and inappropriate irrigation heads.
- The new rebates address each of these areas by encouraging customers to 'tune-up' their system with newly available, smart irrigation-control technology. This additional incentive encourages those in charge of landscape maintenance to fix all the broken or leaky aspects of a system to make their new technologies most effective.
- One addition this year is the promotion of soil amendments for landscape applications. Studies show that amended soil has a much higher water holding capacity than the native, high-clay soils of the Boulder area.

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- CEE High Efficiency Clothes Washer Initiative (69.28 KB)
- Irrigation Association - Certified Irrigation Auditors

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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